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1. SOVIETS SUSPEND EDUCATION TAX ON JEWISH EMIGRANTS

AT AN APRIL 1 WHITE HOUSE MEETING OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, HENRY KISSINGERS CITING TWO COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDUCATION TAX ON EMIGRANTS. AFTER THE MEETING, SENATOR JACKSON INDICATED HE WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT RESTORE THE TAX BARRIER ONCE DESIRED TRADE LEGISLATION HAD CLEARED CONGRESS. SENATOR SCOTT HOPES SOME COMPROMISE MAY BE ADOPTED BY WHICH CONGRESS CAN EXPRESS ITS CONCERN OVER JEWISH EMIGRATION WITHOUT OBSTRUCTING US- SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED) REUTERS 94, 96, 97, 98 AND S/ S- O- WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE TELECON, 4/18.

2. EGYPT LOBBIES FOR SUPPORT

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LATE APRIL 17, THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED

IN THE AMBASSADORS OF SC MEMBER STATES (EXCEPT THE US)
TO URGE SUPPORT FOR A DRAFT RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THE
LEBANESE VERSION. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS CALLING
" UPON ALL MEMBERS TO REFRAIN FROM PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH
ANY ASSISTANCE" WHICH FACILITATES SUCH ATTACKS AS THE
BEIRUT RAID. (SECRET) CAIRO 1154, 4/18.

3. LEBANON CHARTS INDEPENDENT COURSE A? THE UN

IN THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR BUFFUM, LEBANESE FOREIGN
MINISTER ABOU HAMAD INSTRUCTED LEBANESE UN REP GHORRA TO PRESS MATTER.
ON

THIS BASIS BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE
THROUGH EXISITING CHANNELS AND OCCASIONAL HIGHER LEVEL
VISITS. MEANWHILE OUR CONTACT WHO PREDICATED RESUMPTION
IS EXTREMELY UPSET BY WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS LAST MINUTE
BLOCKING MANEUVER BY BOUTEFLIKA ABETTED BY DEPSECGEN
HAMDANI.

4. THOUGH ALGERIAN LEADERS MAY NOT BELIEVE CHARGES OF
DIRECT US PARTICIPATION IN ISRAELI RAID THEIR EMOTIONAL
RESPONSE IS CONDITIONED BY CONVICTION THAT
WERE IT NOT FOR US SUPPORT OF ISRAEL (AND
POSSIBLY SOME COMPLICITY) SUCH A HUMILIATING BLOW COULD
NOT BEFALL ARABS. FROM GOOD SOURCES WE UNDERSTAND
THAT BOUMEDIENE KNEW 2 OF 3 PALESTINIAN LEADERS KILLED AND
CONSIDERED THEM PERSONAL FRIENDS. IT WAS IN THIS
HIGHLY CHARGED ATMOSPHERE THAT NEWSOM'S ARRIVAL PLACED
THE QUESTION OF RESUMPTION SQUARELY BEFORE BOUMEDIENE
AND BOUTEFLIKA. THEY WERE UNABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

5. WE NOW SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF RESUMPTION WITH
ALGERIAN UNTIL SOME DEVELOPMENT IN MIDDLE EAST MAKES
US POSITION MORE ACCEPTABLE TO ARABS.
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